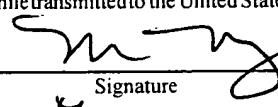


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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 9, 2006, Species I (Figures 1-8), drawn to an embodiment of a modular hearing aid having a replaceable earmold, is elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of a subspecies, Applicants hereby elect Subspecies C (Figure 6), drawn to the hearing aid having a receiver incorporated with an earmold tip. Claims readable on the elected species are 1, 4-8 and 21-22.

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An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.  
A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

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